

REMARKS

Claim 1 was rejected under Section 102 based on Zong. The office action indicates that a software layer, namely, the dip utility program 40, is used to accommodate at least two different types of network connections, citing paragraph 35 and mentioning modems 18 and 19.

However, in fact, Zong teaches using two different dip utility programs. The dip utility program 40 is used to connect the modem 19. See paragraph 35, lines 5-8.

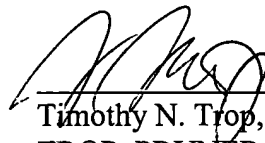
The dip utility program 44 is used to accept dial-in connections from the PC. It is the modem 18 that is used to accept dial-in connections for the PC. See paragraph 35, last three lines, and paragraph 36, first three lines.

In other words, the modem 19 is coupled by the dip utility program 40 and the modem 18 is coupled by a dip utility program 44. Thus, a software program is not utilized to accommodate two different types of network connections.

As a result, reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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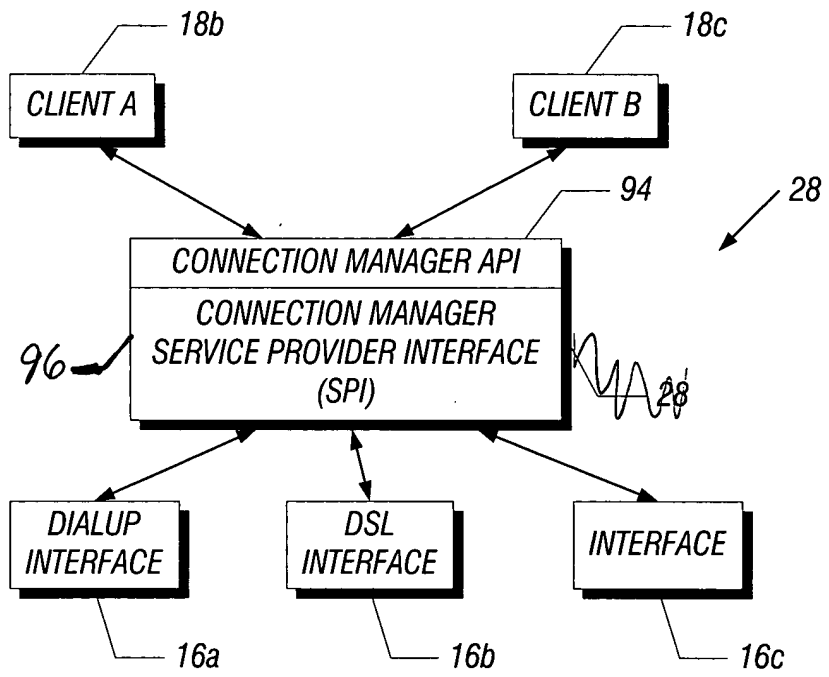


FIG. 8